# Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist

## Purpose of the Checklist

The site inspection checklist provides a useful method for collecting important information during the site inspection portion of the five-year review. The checklist serves as a reminder of what information should to be gathered and provides the means of checking off information obtained and reviewed, or information-not available or applicable. The checklist is divided into sections as follows:

- I. Site Information
- II. Interviews
- III. On-site Documents & Records Verified
- IV. O&M Costs
- V. Access and Institutional Controls
- VI. General Site Conditions
- VII. Landfill Covers
- VIII. Vertical Barrier Walls
- IX. Groundwater/Surface Water Remedies
- X. Other Remedies
- XI. Overall Observations

Some data and information identified in the checklist may or may not be available at the site depending on how the site is managed. Sampling results, costs, and maintenance reports may be kept on site or may be kept in the offices of the contractor or at State offices. In cases where the information is not kept at the site, the item should not be checked as "not applicable," but rather it should be obtained from the office or agency where it is maintained. If this is known in advance, it may be possible to obtain the information before the site inspection.

This checklist was developed by EPA and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). It focuses on the two most common types of remedies that are subject to five-year reviews: landfill covers, and groundwater pump and treat remedies. Sections of the checklist are also provided for some other remedies. The sections on general site conditions would be applicable to a wider variety of remedies. The checklist should be modified to suit your needs when inspecting other types of remedies, as appropriate.

The checklist may be completed and attached to the Five-Year Review report to document site status. Please note that the checklist is not meant to be completely definitive or restrictive; additional information may be supplemented if the reviewer deems necessary. Also note that actual site conditions should be documented with photographs whenever possible.

## Using the Checklist for Types of Remedies

The checklist has sections designed to capture information concerning the main types of remedies which are found at sites requiring five-year reviews. These remedies are landfill covers (Section VII of the checklist) and groundwater and surface water remedies (Section IX of the checklist). The primary elements and appurtenances for these remedies are listed in sections which can be checked off as the facility is inspected. The opportunity is also provided to note site conditions, write comments on the facilities, and attach any additional pertinent information. If a site includes remedies beyond these, such as soil vapor extraction or soil landfarming, the information should be gathered in a similar manner and attached to the checklist.

## **Considering Operation and Maintenance Costs**

Unexpectedly widely varying or unexpectedly high O&M costs may be early indicators of remedy problems. For this reason, it is important to obtain a record of the original O&M cost estimate and of annual O&M costs during the years for which costs incurred are available. Section IV of the checklist provides a place for documenting annual costs and for commenting on unanticipated or unusually high O&M costs. A more detailed categorization of costs may be attached to the checklist if available. Examples of categories of O&M costs are listed below.

Operating Labor - This includes all wages, salaries, training, overhead, and fringe benefits associated with the labor needed for operation of the facilities and equipment associated with the remedial actions.

Maintenance Equipment and Materials - This includes the costs for equipment, parts, and other materials required to perform routine maintenance of facilities and equipment associated with a remedial action.

<u>Maintenance Labor</u> - This includes the costs for labor required to perform routine maintenance of facilities and for equipment associated with a remedial action.

<u>Auxiliary Materials and Energy</u> - This includes items such as chemicals and utilities which can include electricity, telephone, natural gas, water, and fuel. Auxiliary materials include other expendable materials such as chemicals used during plant operations.

<u>Purchased Services</u> - This includes items such as sampling costs, laboratory fees, and other professional services for which the need can be predicted.

<u>Administrative Costs</u> - This includes all costs associated with administration of O&M not included under other categories, such as labor overhead.

<u>Insurance</u>, <u>Taxes and Licenses</u> - This includes items such as liability and sudden and accidental insurance, real estate taxes on purchased land or right-of-way. licensing fees for certain technologies, and permit renewal and reporting costs:

Other Costs - This includes all other items which do not fit into any of the above categories.

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Please note that "O&M" is referred to throughout this checklist. At sites where Long-Term Response Actions are in progress, O&M activities may be referred to as "system operations" since these sites are not considered to be in the O&M phase while being remediated under the Superfund program.

# **Five-Year Review Site Inspection Checklist (Template)**

(Working document for site inspection. Information may be completed by hand and attached to the Five-Year Review report as supporting documentation of site status. "N/A" refers to "not applicable.")

I. SITE INFORMATION					
Site name:	Date of inspection:				
Location and Region:	EPA ID:				
Agency, office, or company leading the five-year review:	Weather/temperature:				
Remedy Includes: (Check all that apply)    Landfill cover/containment					
Attachments:	☐ Site map attached				
II. INTERVIEWS (	Check all that apply)				
O&M site manager     Name     Interviewed □ at site □ at office □ by phone Phore     Problems, suggestions; □ Report attached	Title Date				
2. O&M staff  Name  Interviewed □ at site □ at office □ by phone Phone  Problems, suggestions; □ Report attached					

Agency			
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Name	Title	Date	Phone r
Problems; suggestions; □ Report attached			
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	III. ON-SITE DOCUMENTS & RECORDS VERIFIED (Check all that apply)				
1.	O&M Documents  ☐ O&M manual ☐ As-built drawings ☐ Maintenance logs Remarks	☐ Readily available ☐ Readily available ☐ Readily available	☐ Up to date ☐ Up to date ☐ Up to date	□ N/A □ N/A □ N/A	
2.	Site-Specific Health and Safety Plan  Contingency plan/emergency response processes of the control of the contr		☐ Up to date	□ N/A □ N/A	
3.	O&M and OSHA Training Records Remarks	☐ Readily available	□ Up to date	□ N/A	
4.	Permits and Service Agreements  Air discharge permit  Effluent discharge  Waste disposal, POTW  Other permits  Remarks		Up to date	□ N/A □ N/A □ N/A □ N/A	
5.	Gas Generation Records	idily available Up to			
6.	Settlement Monument Records Remarks	☐ Readily available	☐ Up to date	□ N/A	
7.	Groundwater Monitoring Records Remarks	☐ Readily available	☐ Up to date	□ N/A	
8.	Leachate Extraction Records Remarks	☐ Readily available	☐ Up to date	□ N/A	
9.	Discharge Compliance Records  ☐ Air ☐ Water (effluent)  Remarks	□ Readily available □ Readily available	☐ Up to date ☐ Up to date	□ N/A □ N/A	
10.	Daily Access/Security Logs Remarks	☐ Readily available	☐ Up to date	□ N/A	

		IV. O&M COSTS	
	O&M Organization  ☐ State in-house ☐ PRP in-house ☐ Federal Facility in-house ☐ Other		al Facility
2.	O&M Cost Records  ☐ Readily available ☐ Up ☐ Funding mechanism/agreemer Original O&M cost estimate  Total annual	eakdown attached riod if available	
	From To	Total cost  Total cost  Total cost  Total cost	☐ Breakdown attached ☐ Breakdown attached ☐ Breakdown attached
3,			eview Period  LS  Applicable  N/A
A. Fe	ncing		
1.	Fencing damaged □ Los Remarks	cation shown on site map	☐ Gates secured ☐ N/A
B. Or	her Access Restrictions		
1,	Signs and other security measu Remarks		own on site map

C. Ins	titutional Controls (ICs)				
1,	Implementation and end Site conditions imply ICs Site conditions imply ICs	□ N/A □ N/A			
	Type of monitoring (e.g., self-reporting, drive by)				
	Responsible party/agency				
	Name	Title	Date	Phone no.	
	Reporting is up-to-date Reports are verified by the	e lead agency	□ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No	□ N/A □ N/A	
	Specific requirements in a Violations have been repo Other problems or sugges		□ Yes □ No □ Yes □ No	□ N/A □ N/A	
2.	Adequacy Remarks	☐ ICs are adequate ☐ ICs are inade	quate	□ N/A	
D. Gei	peral				
1.	Vandalism/trespassing Remarks	☐ Location shown on site map ☐ No	vandalism evident		
2.	Land use changes on site	e O N/A			
3.	Land use changes off sit Remarks	e□N/A			
		VI. GENERAL SITE CONDITIONS			
A. Roz	ıds 🗆 Applicable	□ N/A			
<b>\$</b>	Roads damaged Remarks	☐ Location shown on site map ☐ Roa	ds adequate	□N⁄A	

	Remarks		
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λ. L	andfill Surface		
I.	Settlement (Low spots) Areal extent Remarks	☐ Location shown on site map Depth	
2.	Remarks	☐ Location shown on site map dths Depths	
3.	Erosion Areal extent Remarks		☐ Erosion not evident
4.	Holes Areal extent Remarks	☐ Location shown on site map Depth	
5.	☐ Trees/Shrubs (indicate size	Grass   Cover properly establi and locations on a diagram)	
6.	Alternative Cover (armored Remarks	rock, concrete, etc.)	
7.	Bulges Areal extent Remarks	□ Location shown on site map Height	□ Bulges not evident

8.	187 . 2	T 37 4 4 4						
8.	Wet Areas/Water Dams  ☐ Wet areas							
	☐ wecureas ☐ Ponding	☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent						
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	□ Seeps	•						
	☐ Soft subgrade	☐ Location shown on site map Areal extent						
	Kemarks							
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9.	Slope Instability	Slides , \( \subseteq \text{Location shown on site map} \) \( \subseteq \text{No evidence of slope instability} \)						
***************************************	Areal extent							
	Kemarks							
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B. Ben		licable DNA						
		mounds of earth placed across a steep landfill side slope to interrupt the slope						
		velocity of surface runoff and intercept and convey the runoff to a lined						
***************************************	channel)							
1.	Flows Bypass Bench	☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A or okay						
	Remarks							
2.	Bench Breached	☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A or okay						
	Remarks							
3.	Bench Overtopped	☐ Location shown on site map ☐ N/A or okay						
	Remarks							
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C. Let	down Channels 🔲 App	icable □NA						
		on control mats, riprap, grout bags, or gabions that descend down the steep side						
		l allow the runoff water collected by the benches to move off of the landfill						
	cover without creating ero	osion gullies.)						
1.	Settlement	☐ Location shown on site map ☐ No evidence of settlement						
11	Areal extent							
	Remarks	•						
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2.	Material Degradation	☐ Location shown on site map ☐ No evidence of degradation						
de/o		Areal extent Area extent						
3.	Erosion	☐ Location shown on site map ☐ No evidence of erosion						
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4:	Undercutting			evidence of underc	~
5.	Obstructions Type ☐ Location shown on site map Size Remarks	Arc	al extent		
6.	Excessive Vegetative Growth  No evidence of excessive growt  Vegetation in channels does not  Location shown on site map  Remarks	h obstruct flow Art	al extent		
D. Cov	er Penetrations	ONA			
L.	Gas Vents ☐ Activ ☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Evidence of leakage at penetrati ☐ N/A Remarks	☐ Functioning on	☐ Routinely sar ☐ Needs Maint	enance	I condition
2:	Gas Monitoring Probes  ☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Evidence of leakage at penetrati Remarks	on	☐ Needs Maint	enance 🗆 N/A	I condition
3.	Monitoring Wells (within surface ☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Evidence of leakage at penetrati Remarks	☐ Functioning on	□ Routinely san		d condition
4.	Leachate Extraction Wells  ☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Evidence of leakage at penetrati Remarks		☐ Routinely san		1 condition
5.	Settlement Monuments Remarks	☐ Located	☐ Routinely sur	veyed 🗆 N/A	

E. Gas	E. Gas Collection and Treatment□ Applicable □ N/A						
*.	Gas Treatment Facilitie ☐ Flaring ☐ Good condition Remarks	The same of the sa					
2.	Remarks	anifolds and Piping ☐ Needs Maintenance					
3,							
F. Cov	er Drainage Layer	☐ Applicable	ONA				
I.	Outlet Pipes Inspected Remarks		□ N/A				
2.		······	□ N/A				
G. Det	ention/Sedimentation Por	ıds 🗆 Applicable	□ n/a				
3.	Siltation Areal extent ☐ Siltation not evident Remarks	**	DNA				
2.	☐ Erosion not evident	kientDe	րւև				
3.	Outlet Works Remarks	□ Functioning □ N/A					
4.	<b>Dam</b> Remarks	☐ Functioning: ☐ N/A					

H. R	etaining Walls	□ Applicable	□ N/A	
;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;;	Deformations Horizontal displacement Rotational displacement Remarks		Vertical displac	☐ Deformation not evident ement
2.		<del>.</del>		☐ Degradation not evident
l. Pe	rimeter Ditches/Off-Site Di	scharge	□ Applicable	DNA
1,	Siltation	Dcpth_	-	not evident
2.		npede flow Type		□NA
3.	Erosion Areal extent Remarks			☐ Erosion not evident
4.	Discharge Structure Remarks			
	VIII. VER	TICAL BARRIE	R WALLS C	3 Applicable □ N/A
1.	Settlement Areal extent Remarks		,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	☐ Settlement not evident
2.:	Performance Monitorin ☐ Performance not monit Frequency Head differential Remarks	ored		dence of breaching

	IX. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER REMEDIES - Applicable - N/A
A. G	roundwater Extraction Wells, Pumps, and Pipelines 🗆 Applicable 🗀 N/A
1	Pumps, Wellhead Plumbing, and Electrical  ☐ Good condition ☐ All required wells properly operating ☐ Needs Maintenance ☐ N/A  Remarks
2.	Extraction System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes, and Other Appurtenances  Good condition Needs Maintenance  Remarks
3.	Spare Parts and Equipment ☐ Readily available ☐ Good condition ☐ Requires upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided Remarks
B. Sı	rface Water Collection Structures, Pumps, and Pipelines 🗆 Applicable 🗀 N/A
1,	Collection Structures, Pumps, and Electrical  ☐ Good condition ☐ Needs Maintenance Remarks
2.	Surface Water Collection System Pipelines, Valves, Valve Boxes, and Other Appurtenances  Good condition Needs Maintenance Remarks
3.	Spare Parts and Equipment ☐ Readily available ☐ Good condition ☐ Requires upgrade ☐ Needs to be provided Remarks

C.	Treatment System	☐ Applicable	□N⁄A		
,	Treatment Train (Ch  ☐ Metals removal ☐ Air stripping ☐ Filters ☐ Additive (e.g., chel ☐ Others ☐ Good condition ☐ Sampling ports pro ☐ Sampling/maintena ☐ Equipment properly ☐ Quantity of grounde ☐ Quantity of surface Remarks	□ Oil/ □ Cart ation agent, flocculer □ Nee perly marked and funce log displayed and identified water treated annually	water separation bon adsorbers  it)  ds Maintenance actional I up to date		
2.	Electrical Enclosures  N/A  Remarks	ood condition	☐ Needs Mainten	ance	
3.	Tanks, Vaults, Storaj □ N/A □ G Remarks	ood condition			☐ Needs Maintenance
4.	Discharge Structure ☐ N/A ☐ G Remarks	ood condition	☐ Needs Mainten:		
5.	Treatment Building(s ☐ N/A ☐ G ☐ Chemicals and equi	ood condition (esp. r pment properly store	đ		ls repair
6.	Monitoring Wells (pu ☐ Properly secured/lo ☐ All required wells lo Remarks	ked 🗆 Func		ely sampled	☐ Good condition ☐ N/A
D. 1	Monitoring Data				
l.	Monitoring Data ☐ Is routine!	y submitted on time	☐ Is of accept	table quality	
2.	Monitoring data sugge □ Groundwater plume		ned 🗆 Contamina	nt concentrations	are declining

D. Monitored Natural Attenuation		
	Monitoring Wells (natural attenuation remedy)  ☐ Properly secured/locked ☐ Functioning ☐ Routinely sampled ☐ Good condition ☐ All required wells located ☐ Needs Maintenance ☐ N/A  Remarks	
X. OTHER REMEDIES		
	If there are remedies applied at the site which are not covered above, attach an inspection sheet describing the physical nature and condition of any facility associated with the remedy. An example would be soil vapor extraction.	
	XI. OVERALL OBSERVATIONS	
Α.	Implementation of the Remedy	
	Describe issues and observations relating to whether the remedy is effective and functioning as designed.  Begin with a brief statement of what the remedy is to accomplish (i.e., to contain contaminant plume, minimize infiltration and gas emission, etc.).  *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *  *	
В.	Adequacy of O&M	
	Describe issues and observations related to the implementation and scope of O&M procedures. In particular, discuss their relationship to the current and long-term protectiveness of the remedy.	

C.	Early Indicators of Potential Remedy Problems
	Describe issues and observations such as unexpected changes in the cost or scope of O&M or a high frequency of unscheduled repairs, that suggest that the protectiveness of the remedy may be compromised in the future.
D.	Opportunities for Optimization
	Describe possible opportunities for optimization in monitoring tasks or the operation of the remedy.
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